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Among the Service People



AF Fete Tops Busy Weekend

By Vivienne Bodeau.

It was a busy weekend for the military!

Lisner Auditorium was packed with some 1,500 evening-gowned ladies, mess-jacketed officers and tuxedoed top congressional figures Saturday evening to hear the Air Force Festival of Music.

It was sponsored by the Air Force Officers' Wives Club as a benefit. Paying guests listened to the United States Air Force Band directed by Col. George S. Howard; the Strolling Strings; the Bagpipe Band; and the United States Air Force Academy Cadet Choir under the direction of the choirmaster, James Roger Boyd.

It was a most successful evening, financially and musically.

The festival opened with a fanfare of drums and horns, as members of the band marched down the aisles of the auditorium, that was most spectacular. This was followed by several selections by the band. The Festival Prelude, a composition written in commemoration of the marriage of the Prince of Japan, was a haunting melody that pleased the audience.

THE BAGPIPE BAND dressed in red, green and blue kilts was a great success. The Strolling Strings in their black trousers and white mess jackets charmed the guests with Valse Bleurette and Jalousie. All in blue and eager-faced, the cadets sang lustily. Cadet Thomas L. Sutton, tenor, sang solo in "If I Got My Ticket, Can I Ride?" in a most inimitable manner. There goes a future general. With that aplomb and smile he can't miss.

Uniformed WAFs ushered the beautifully dressed guests to their seats. A guest of Gen. Charles P. Cabell was Gene Raymond. Blonde and debonair Gene told us that "his bride," Jeanette, was indisposed and was spending the night in a hospital. The Raymonds had come to town only for two days especially for the Music Festival and for a dinner party at the Army-Navy Country Club given by Gen. and Mrs. Cabell.

The actor said he found the Festival of the highest caliber.

COMMITTEE chairmen of the

Douglas, Mrs. Dudley C. Sharp, Mrs. Thomas D. White, Mrs. Elwood R. Quesada, Mrs. Curtis LeMay, Mrs. Robin Olds, Mrs. James E. Davoli, Mrs. Gustav A. Newberg, Mrs. Neill C. McKay, Mrs. Charles P. Cabell, Mrs. George Hewitt and Mrs. Charles P. Richman.